

[62] CHAPTER V.

CONTINUATION OF THE BAPTISMS.

ALL do not go to Heaven in the same manner. Some go thither gladly, though by the cross, while others are almost forced to go. *Compelle eos intrare*. Here is a young girl who has entered the Church of God by dint of blows. I do not know what path our Lord will make her take to enter his Paradise.

A Pagan young man, who was already married, sought her in marriage and wished to have her for his second wife. In the absence of her relatives, the girl agreed to it. On their return, they were utterly astounded, upbraided the girl, and told the young man that, as he was already married, he should not desire a second wife,—that polygamy is no longer the custom at Saint Joseph, where the majority of the Savages are Christians; that their relative would never marry until she were baptized, and would never marry any one but a Christian. Her companion, being blindly in love, put aside his first wife and asked to be [63] instructed. But the relatives, who suspected that this proceeded only from a carnal mind, sent the girl to the Seminary of the Ursulines to be instructed in the fear of God. She remained there an entire month, to the satisfaction of all parties. These good Mothers are skillful in winning the hearts of Savages. Finally, as her nearest relatives needed her services, they took her home.